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Crowd Risk Index can predict behaviour of large gatherings by the minute, providing early warning to help avoid disaster scenarios

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

'Psychological trigger, a largely overlooked factor'

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Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science have found a potential solution to manage crowds at cultural and religious gatherings — to help avoid fatalities in case of future untoward scenarios such as a stampede.

The comprehensive crowd risk prediction model, Crowd Risk Index (CRI), holds the possibility to develop early warning systems in crowded areas.

India is known to celebrate a multitude of religious, cultural and traditional festivals resulting in thousands of citizens gathering at a specific place. Every year, reports emerge of crowd management gone awry and disasters such as stampedes that claim lives.

IISc researchers are using machine learning to predict such risk scenarios in a crowded environment and allow the authorities to take preventive action.

The research was conducted by Dr Gayathri Harihara Subramanian and Dr Ashish Verma. A paper titled 'Crowd risk prediction in a spiritually motivated crowd' was published in

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— Dr Gayathri Harihara Subramanian, IISc

Land's End

75-year-old woman running pillar to post for 20 years for grievance redressal

Gowri Devi with her husband at ACB office

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How long can one wait to get compensation against land acquired for public purpose by Bangalore Development Authority? Ages.

We are aware of compensation pending to hundreds of farmers for more than 15 years for their land acquired for constructing the 74-km Peripheral Ring Road. What about the tale of a senior citizen, a 75-year old woman, running pillar to post to get her grievance redressed for more than 20 years?

The hapless senior citizen is Gowri Devi, wife of Mangilal Solanki. She bought a site (30x40 sq ft) bearing survey no. 10/3 at Gangenahalli village in Bangalore North Taluk on July 30, 1975, to construct a house.

"I sold my shop in Rajasthan to purchase the site. My intention was to construct a house on the site for our family; but the BDA acquired it," said Devi.

The BDA acquired Gowri Devi's site along with other sites for the construction of a

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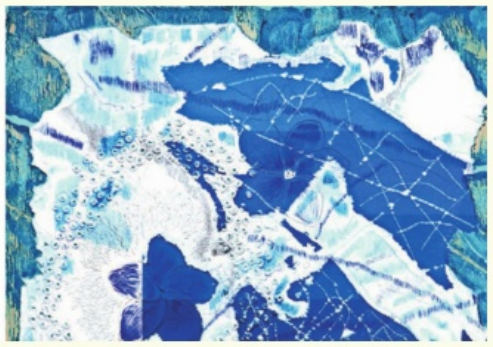
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Dance, dance, dance

Catch dancer Dr Rekha Raju present a Mohiniattam Kucheri performance at the prestigious Kinkini Nrithyotsava. Dr Rekha Raju started learning Bharatnatyam at the age of 3 from Guru Padmini Ramachandran and learnt Mohiniyattam from Prof A Janardhan. Today, she is a guru herself with more than 100 students from different backgrounds learning classical music, various forms of dance, instruments, etc, at her school, 'Nrithya Dhama Temple of Fine Arts'.

Where: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar
When: Aug 9, 6:45 PM
Entry: Free

02 Floral art



Art Houz Presents "Pichumani Re-imagined Reality", a solo show by Vijay Pichumani. In his latest suite of works titled "Re - Imagined Reality", his thematic content is premised on flowers. The idea of engaging with flowers came to him while walking in his hometown, and along the muddy paths he discovered a number of colourful flowers that attracted him.

Where: Art Houz, Vasanthnagar
When: Till August 13, 10.30 am – 6.30 pm

03 Walk the walk

Fitness buffs, listen up. The #WalkForEquality challenge is to cover 100 km, 50 km, or 25 km over 10 days. Participants can walk anywhere, anytime, and on any surface (trail, road, treadmill, backyard, park, balcony). It's a virtual challenge. The event is to spread awareness about inequality.

Where: Virtual
When: Till August 14
Register: virtualtrailwalker.oxfamindia.org/

Yuva Cabinet is a call to action for B'lureans

Project comprising model cabinets aimed at encouraging youth to solve neighbourhood issues instead of depending on authorities

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There's a common saying in Bengaluru, if there's a problem, you can trust citizens to take matters into their hands and solve it themselves. Now, a group of Bengalureans are forming model cabinets to encourage youths to take action. As of now, there are more than 30 such cabinets across the state.

Largely aimed at moving youths to action, the Yuva Cabinet project has been formed to address neighbourhood issues. With moderate exposure to democracy, the children get a taste of politics and problem-solving.

Such citizen activism in the city stems out of the authorities usually lackadaisical approach to solving civic issues.

One such example is that of pothole issues in Muthalli in Shiggaon Taluk. The youths approached the authorities but with no result despite their follow-ups, they decided to take charge.

"To prevent accidents, the youths fixed the potholes with mud and stones and informed the authorities about the temporary fixes. They even asked for an assurance from the civic authority for timely restoration," said Archana KR, a member of Reap Benefit, a group coordinating the project.

In another instance, residents in Bapujinagar, Bengaluru, were faced with drainage water mixing with drinking water the members attended ward committee meetings and a week ago, the issue was fixed. "They found the issue while conducting a street audit and brought it up at the ward committee. They also raised the issue with BBMP and BWSSB," added Archana.

Brainstorming for better neighbourhoods: Members of the cabinets work in tandem and solve civic issues in their areas

The cabinet members use the Discover, Investigate and Solve and Share (DIS) process to report, start a campaign, or find a solution. They need to first discover the problem, investigate the problem and find a solution. They are also required to do trigger-mapping to identify the frequency and root cause.

Members of the Yuva Cabinet have been helping villagers struggling with getting e-SHRAM cards and have also created awareness among NAREGA officials in Gadag about the importance of saving water.

"Yuva Cabinets are run by presidents and to be eligible to run for president, they should be above the age of 16 years. They would also have shown success in solving local issues as well.

The President is elected by members of the Yuva Cabinet members through voting. added Archana. The presidents are mentored by Reap Benefit members to undertake leadership and gain knowledge about the ground-level workings.

The members also have the opportunity to find career growth from Yuva Cabinet to the Accelerator program and Youth board. Youths who showcase interest in entrepreneurship, civic or political leadership also get mentors under Reap Benefit.

"Our larger goal is to instil in these children the belief that no matter what profession you are involved in your mainstream career, you can always be a local problem-solver," said Archana.

Currently, there are more than 30 such Yuva Cabinets spread out across Karnataka with 2 formed in Bengaluru itself. With around 100 members each, there are Cabinets in Haveri, Hubli, Shiggaon, Muthalli, Raichur, Bellary, Vijayanagara, Mysore, Gadag, Dharwad, Hassan, Nelamangala, Ramnagara, and Kalaghatgi.

This I-Day, pick up a plantable flag

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Is there a better way to tribute freedom than by choosing eco-friendly flags? Probably not. In the last few days counting down to India's 75th Independence Day, people are choosing to buy 'plantable' flags that are completely organic.

A seed flag is made of seed paper, a handmade and biodegradable type of paper that includes a number of different plant seeds. The seeds sprout when the paper is planted in the soil, thus raising saplings.

One such Bengaluru-based startup, Seed Paper India, is one of the few organisations that is making these flags. "Since plastic flags have been banned by the government, this is a much better and greener alternative. People, especially youngsters, have become more conscious of the harmful effects of plastic flags. In just one month we have sold over two lakh plantable flags in Bengaluru as well as in other parts of the country," Roshan Ray, the owner of the startup told Bangalore Mirror.

If more people use these flags this year, more saplings will be planted and there will be much more greenery in Bengaluru. This also means that less waste will be going into landfills, Ray added.

The flags are made of seed paper and once planted, can sprout saplings

The centre banned single-use plastic products from July 1 this year which also includes the use of plastic flags. However, being more pocket-friendly and easily available, these flags were still being purchased around the country.

V Sriram Kumar, Secretary of the Electronic City Industries' Association (ELCIA) said that the association has bought almost 1000 seed flags for Independence Day. "We came across this concept and thought of doing it in a more sustainable way this year… The flags are for our member companies who wish to take them."

Many other organisations are catching up with the concept of flags that you can sow. Antharbhaava, a non-profit organisation based in Jayanagar that works for physically and intellectually disabled individuals, has also been working with Seed Paper India to make seed flags.

Janaki Vishwanath, founder and director of Antharbhaava, said, "We have been making these flags as well as paper bags made of seed paper. They (persons with disabilities) also love making these flags as they are colourful and vibrant. This also creates an inclusive workplace for them."

Seed Paper India will also give away some of these plantable flags to the public free of cost on August 13 at Lalbagh.

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Aiming for biodiversity, with just 2 types of trees

BBMP starts planting saplings at Doddakallasandra Lake; but citizens wonder why just couple of fruit-bearing trees chosen for bio-diverse area

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The forest division of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started work on bringing up a biodiversity park at Doddakallasandra Lake located off Kanakapura Road. The Palike has started its plantation drive in the lake area with around 400 saplings.

However, as per a citizen group that has been actively involved in the upkeep of the waterbody, the saplings belong to only two species of fruiting trees.

"The residents of the area have been taking care of the waterbody for over four years now. However, when the Karnataka Knowledge Commission recommended developing the lake into a unique biodiversity park, we decided to put a break on our plantation drive. However, the saplings brought in by the BBMP belong to only two species of fruit-bearing trees. How can they create a biodiversity park with just two species? It is not the right thing to do at a lake that houses a lot of biodiversity already," said Soundararajan Rajagopalan, a resident.

As per a biodiversity report of the lake prepared by a citizen group in 2019, the lake hosts 354 trees of 42 species, 43 species of plants and shrubs, 37 butterfly species and 71 bird species, including 11 migratory birds.

Moreover, while the lake has an active citizen group that has been taking care of the water body for the last four years, they alleged that they have not been involved in the process.

"If there is a group of citizens that have already studied the biodiversity of the area and have also documented it, why not involve the locals and use their knowledge? Local knowledge should be respected rather than ignored," said Raghavendra B Pachapur, a lake activist.

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Lake revival unravels

Doddakallasandra Lake was revived in October 2021, but latest KSPCB report showing high total coliform levels indicates that sewage is again entering lake

Bangalore Mirror had reported on Aug 3 about high coliform content in Doddakallasandra lake

BBMP planted 400 saplings of only two species of fruiting trees in the bund area of Doddakallasandra Lake

Green spells red flag at lake

Residents near the newly-restored Doddakallasandra Lake are worried as the lake's water is turning green. They say this indicates the rapid formation of algae, which reduces the oxygen content in the water hampering the survival of the aquatic beings. This comes after the pollution board's reports indicated sewage is entering the lake again. Activists say this points to the need for BBMP to involve environmentalists, citizens and activists in the process of rejuvenation.

Raghavendra B Pacchapur of NGO ActionAid said, "Stone revetment at the lake only prevents solid waste from entering, but does not stop contaminated water. All necessary precautions need to be taken to monitor the lake water quality continuously."

He said planting a good amount of grass would help absorb some amount of the contaminated water. "It will help improve the water quality of the suspension pond and reduce its nutrient load. The plants will also attract insects which in turn will attract birds to the area," said Pacchapur.

Dr KS Sangunni, a researcher from IISC, said the green colour may not necessarily be a problem. "But we need to see what is happening. If sewage is coming in, we have to find a way to stop that."

Soundararajan Rajagopalan who lives near the lake said the heavy rain has added to the problem. "Last week a lot of sewage went into the pond. The water is also turning light greenish. Near the Soudamini Layout, there is a small canal which carries sewage from all the layouts. Whenever it rains heavily, the sewage water overflows into the lake."

However, a BBMP official said they are regularly monitoring the situation. – Shreyashi Mukherjee

The group has now raised a complaint with the higher authorities saying having just two species of trees on the bund area of a lake like Doddakallasandra that is teaming with biodiversity is not the right path to choose.

"We have been told that only the selected tree species are suitable for plantation on the bund area of the lake. According to the BBMP's earlier recommendation, trees cannot be planted in the bund region. Many citizen lake groups in the city have not been permitted to plant trees on the bund as the root system might weaken the soil leading to the bund collapsing. But they are planting on the outer region of the bund area and it is happening at every ten feet," added Pachapur.

Locals alleged that the department is trying to use up the current stock of saplings available in their nurseries.

> **If there is a group of citizens that have already studied the biodiversity of the area and documented it, why not involve the locals and use their knowledge?**
> –Raghavendra B Pachapur, lake activist

"Around 80% of the saplings are of Jamun trees. The BBMP is trying to exhaust the old stock. The majority of the saplings have already been planted and no action has been taken so far despite our complaints. The lake has a good peacock population of 20 individuals. Many other birds will require different kinds of fruit trees. Just the Jamun fruit will not suffice," said Rajagopalan, a resident.

The forest department said that the plantation drive has been put on hold due to the issues raised by the citizens.

"We have decided to plant 2,800 saplings in multiple lakes in the Bommanahalli zone. Around 1,000 saplings have been planted in Doddakallasandra and a few more lakes in the area. We are planning two fruit-bearing plants and three to four flowering and timber species which are essential for birds. The tree species are suitable for bund plantation as well. However, we welcome the caretakers and citizen groups to collaborate with us and work for the betterment of the waterbody," said the official.

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Safety Hazard
Nandini Layout

Digging due to civic work near the bus stand in Nandini Layout. It becomes very dangerous for motorists to drive with heavy rains, especially at night.

Garbage trouble
Jayanagar

People are throwing garbage on the tree near the Bank of Baroda, 9th main in Jayanagar.

Poor work
Seshadripuram

The newly constructed footpath on Link Road is in ruins just after a week of finishing it.

Guide trouble brews in Hampi

Tourists allege some guides are fake and have forged IDs too

Folks, the next time you plan a getaway to picturesque Hampi, check your tourist guide's credentials properly before you avail of his services. Recently, several tourists have raised the issue of harassment by guides who they claim are not genuine.

At Hampi, a UNESCO world heritage site, most prefer to avail of the services of the tourist guides as they give them insight into the rich history of the Vijayanagara era. Recently, several videos went viral on social media saying that a drunkard was forcing tourists to avail of his services in touring Hampi. He was also allegedly producing a fake identity card as well. Travellers are now requesting the tourism department to take action against fake guides.

Genuine tourist guides in the area are worried, saying that this will impact their livelihood.

"We have been studying hard to give people a glimpse into Hampi's glorious past. Now, when tourism is slowly picking up, these kinds of incidents will discourage travellers from using the guides' services.

"Tourists should validate if they are genuine guides and the department should also ensure that only genuine guides are permitted," said a tourist guide.

Meanwhile, Vijayanagara district's SP K Arun said that his department woukd take action if anyone files a police complaint regarding the issue.

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'Tis raining hell for dogs and no one cares

More streeties getting injured in this weather; activists say drivers hit them due to poor visibility and drive off

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For many Bengalureans, monsoon is a synonym for puddles and potholes, waterlogged roads and innumerable power cuts. But if you thought the rains were irksome only for humans, you're wrong, as dog lovers and animal activists say that with the onset of monsoon, there has been an increase in the number of dog accidents.

The dog lovers complain that if vehicles hit a dog by mistake, they do not stop their car and try to take the dog to the veterinary hospitals. Instead, they just drive off. Activists say that the people who are using vehicles to travel should be careful while driving as during rains, the visibility is already less.

Soundarya Gowda, a resident of Vijaynagar, had one such harrowing incident to share. "Today, in the morning, a dog was hit by a car and left on the road to die. His hind legs were broken, and the car driver did not stop or even call anyone that could come and help the dog. When I tried to reach the private hospital near the area, they said that they would need money first to help the dog. I had to wait there for more than three hours for people to come and help. No one was getting involved and even the auto drivers were not willing to take the dog; finally, BBMP officials came and carried the dog to a government pet clinic. I tried calling a lot of shelters and helpline numbers as well, but people were not receiving the calls."

She added that since the process of rescuing stray dogs is so hectic, a lot of people refrain from helping them to avoid hassles.

Sunil S, a tea vendor in Vijaynagar, said that this was the third dog accident that took place this month. "Usually, people just move the injured dog to one side of the road so that the vehicles do not get stuck. The second time the accident happened, people had kept the dog in my shop. I used to feed the dog biscuits and after a week the dog became too weak and died."

In Patteghar Palya near Vijaynagar, a streetie was run over and left to fend for itself

"Most people do not respond especially since the process of rescuing strays is very hectic
– Soundarya Gowda, a resident of Vijaynagar

Dr Rajesh K, a vet in Kirloskar, said he had been getting a lot of cases of stray dog accidents. Most of the time, when the dogs are brought to the clinic, their condition is quite serious and there are very few chances of their survival. Out of all the dogs bought to him, most are victims of accidents, he said.

Roshni Gopalan, working as a volunteer at a dog rescue shelter, said, "We have gotten a lot of calls from people who have called to report dog accidents. Usually, during the rainy season, because of all the water it gets very difficult to see through the glass shields hence people end up injuring the dogs who also might be in a rush to find shelters hence, it is not the fault of drivers to be honest. But, if one has ended up injuring dog, then they should take responsibility of it and take the dog to some vet instead of leaving it on the road. It is also important that especially during rainy seasons, people should drive very carefully to prevent these accidents from happening."

Millets, part of mid-day meals?

Ragi and jowar might be included in menu; nutritionists upbeat about idea

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After eggs, bananas, and chikki, mid-day meals for government and aided schools in the state will include millets like ragi and jowar, said Vishal R, Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction.

As per the Department of Public Instruction, the mid-day meal guidelines dictate that the government must provide a cooked mid-day meal with 450 calories and 12 g of protein to every child at the primary level and 700 calories and 20 g of protein at the upper primary level. In Karnataka, it includes rice, sambar, corns, vegetables, and wheat in form of chapati once a week.

Narayan Gowda, Joint Commissioner of the state mid-day meal scheme, told Bangalore Mirror that the discussion is currently in progress. "We are discussing it with the higher-ups and it might take some time to be implemented."

Gowda said that the aim was to give students a taste of local food and culture. "By adding these foods to their diet, we aim to promote our local food and culture. As soon as the plan is approved, we will decide how many millets we need, where we source it from, and what is the cost."

Gowda also added that the distribution of eggs, bananas, and chikki had already started in the schools. "Earlier, we started the distribution in Kalyan Karnataka districts and after getting a good response, we extended it to the rest of the state. So far, we have gotten positive feedback from schools mostly, so we are trying to extend it more now."

"Millets are a good source of carbohydrates, fibres, and proteins
—Abhilasha Joshi, a nutritionist

Nutritionists are upbeat about the proposal. They believe that if implemented, these millets would add nutrition and variety to the children's diets. "It is always good to have different sources of nutrition in one's diet. Having variety would maintain a balanced diet for the children and they will enjoy it also. Millets are a good source of carbohydrates, fibres as well as protein," said Abhilasha Joshi, a nutritionist.

Lake trespassers will be prosecuted

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The Gattahalli Lake, spread across 100 acres in Anekal, was encroached upon by private players' construction activities. But now it is off-limits for encroachers as a board has been put up at the gate that the lake belongs to the government and no trespassing is allowed.

The board put up by the revenue department states that from the survey number 33, the land belongs to the government. It also states that any unlawful activities at the lake would be punished.

Residents of the area are somewhat relieved. "We have been fighting for over a year to the save this lake. Residents have been following up with the authorities about the illegal encroachments. The former Deputy commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, had assured us the encroachments would be removed. We waited for months and it didn't happen. Now we are hopeful that the illegal activities will stop," said a member from citizens movement, East Bengaluru. Last year, residents had alerted the authorities about the encroachments and the former DC got the encroachments razed. But in a short span, the lake was encroached upon again with over one lakh square feet of the area being dug and encroached upon.

Lake activist Captain Santosh said, "The lake is still at risk. Authorities haven't carried out a proper survey and the officials do not follow up. Once encroachments are removed, a buffer zone should be created around the lake." Some residents fear the illegal activities would go on. "Private players are continuing to carry out the encroachment. We have been told that the officials in the panchayat have been bribed and are not stopping the work. We will continue to keep a check," said a citizen activist.

Awaiting compensation, 20 years on

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road (in LAC No. 13/77-78) and awarded Rs 71,222.95 as compensation to her; but she wanted BDA to give her an alternative site instead of the cash. She continued visiting the BDA head office but the officials kept her assuring that she would get justice.

"I have been visiting the BDA head office all these years. Some of the BDA officials have been delaying to redress my grievance on one pretext or another. They say officers concerned are either retired or transferred and it will take some time for the existing officials to understand the problem and do the needful and so on; but nothing has been done till date," rued Gowri Devi.

According to her, the BDA officials did not explain to her that she has to apply for an alternative site or accept the compensation awarded by the land acquisition officer. Finally, she and her husband approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) office recently seeking a direction to the BDA to redress her grievance.

"I do not know where to avail the compensation awarded to me. They are telling me the amount is deposited in a treasury. I will be happy and grateful to the BDA officials to ensure that I will get the compensation amount as I am in my advanced age," she said

Meanwhile, BDA Land Acquisition Officer said Devi has to approach City Civil Court for the compensation as the amount is deposited in the treasury.

Crowd-puller: IISc's Crowd Risk Index

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the journal Science Direct.

During research spanning almost four years, poring over literature, researchers found overcrowding to be a major cause of disasters.

They discovered that group behaviour played a major role in such scenarios. According to the study, 70% of the people in a religious gathering are participating as a group. A very important factor, often overlooked, is psychological triggers, the research suggested.

Researchers found psychological triggers could greatly influence groups. They could increase crowd anxiety levels and influence the aggressiveness of the group. Weather conditions were also found to be a key influencer in crowd anxiety.

For the primary case study, researchers considered the Kumbh Mela of 2016. A team of researchers camped at the mela and collected data using Go-Pro head-mount cameras, mobile phones and CCTV cameras. Qualitative data on patience and aggression levels were also collected through surveys and questionnaires.

Using the data, researchers developed a unique model that is capable of predicting the level of risk at one-minute intervals.

"The CRI can predict the risk-level of an area as low, medium or high, every one minute. For our research, we have also incorporated weather and psychological factors. This is a very comprehensive model that takes into account several aspects," Dr Gayathri Harihara Subramanian told BM.

Dr Ashish Verma, convenor of the Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab, department of civil engineering, IISc, said, "The CRI will allow prediction of risk levels for future events of a spiritual nature (where large crowds gather). The project was part of the larger Kumbh Mela experiment project, which is an Indo-Dutch collaboration. It was funded by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India and Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research. We want to utilise the research findings to develop an early warning system. Event organisers would be able to see a heat map of risk areas 30 minutes in advance."

While the case study is limited to the Kumbh Mela, researchers claimed CRI can be used during religious festivities and processions held around the country. According to them, the learnings from the study can also be applied to manage traffic.

"We would need more empirical data for such a scenario to recalibrate the model. For example, on December 31, huge crowds gather on roads; the model can be applied to this scenario as well as fervent activities like sports where onlookers gather in vast numbers or at open air political gatherings," added Verma.

The researchers have also prepared crowd risk management guidelines and submitted them to the National Disaster Management Authority.

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I, MARY VELANGANI SAGAYANATHAN, W/o, Vijay Selvam and residing at The Oasis, SF-02, 9th Cross, Anthony Swamy Layout, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore 560084 have changed my name to JASCINTHA SAGAYA NATHAN vide affidavit dated 02.08.2022 sworn before notary B.V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, GANGADHAR S/o Shivasharanayya Ganachari R/at No.11-380/2, Dhangargalli, Near Korimath, Brahmpur Gulbarga Have changed my name to GANGADHAR S GANACHARI vide affidavit dated: 8/8/2022 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore.

I Sagar Rajanna Venaktesh S/O, Venkatesh Rajanna R/o No 3-48, Chowdeshwari Nilaya, Post Office Road, Newpet, Anekal Town, Bengaluru Rural District-562106 have changed my name to Sagar Rajanna Venkatesh for all purposes.

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I, KALYANI RAVINDRAN D/o Ravindran Uttuvally Narayanan residing at No.5, Shibiram Visveshwarapura Layout, Nelamangala, Bangalore 562123 have changed my name to KALYANI UTTUVALLY vide affidavit dated 02.08.2022 sworn before notary B.V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, SHRIKRISHNA, S/o, Kalyanrao Jahagirdar and residing at No.8, 1st Floor, 9th G Main, Byraveshwar Nagar, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore 560072 have changed my name to SHRIKRISHNA JAHAGIRDAR vide affidavit dated 08.08.2022 sworn before notary B.V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, Ashok S/o Devichand Prem Jain R/o #39/1, Sharda Comfort, 15th cross, 11th main, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560030 have changed my name to ASHOK KUMAR DEVICHAND JAIN affidavit Dt.08/08/2022 notary K.V Mani, B'luru

I, Rohini Pimparkar W/O, Nayaneesh Pimparkar R/o B 402, Vaswani Brentwood, Thubarahalli, Karnakata 560066 have changed my name to Rohini Nayaneesh Pimparkar for all purposes

I, A.RAMAPRABHA, R/at #70/2, Modle House Street, Basavanagudi,Bangalore-560004. I, have Change my name PRABHAVATHI.S, W/o. Shankar Narayan.S,Vide Affidavit Dated: 5/08/2022. Sworn before Notary : A.C. Subbu Swamy Advocate B,lore.

I S.Ahalya, born in Trichy,Tamilnadu W/o Arunkumar Ravichandran, R/o B107, Splendid Eternity Apt, Bassi Reddy Garden,Anup Layout, Hoodi,Bangalore-560048 Shall Be Known as Anupriya Sundaram for all Purposes.

I, Rekha w/o Ashok Kumar Devichand Jain R/o #39/1, Sharda Comfort, 15th cross, 11th main, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560030 have changed my name to REKHA ASHOK JAIN affidavit Dt.08/08/2022 notary K.V Mani, B'luru

I, Rajesh Dhargave R/o #37, Type-4, Block-7, Nimhans Bayarasandra Campus Nimhans Hospital Bangalore - 560011 have changed my minor son's name from Suryanshu Rajesh to Suryanshu Dhargave for all purposes.

Covid on a loop: Mild, but a recurring issue

Doctors say people can get re-infected in just 28 days after recovering

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File photo of a health worker collecting swab samples of a young visitor at Majestic bus stand

It is that time of the year — of recurring covid as city doctors are seeing more patients who had tested positive earlier testing positive again. Doctors say this could be due to waning immunity. The silver lining is that most patients are exhibiting mild symptoms.

Dr Vishwanath V Bellad (consultant pulmonologist at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital) said that this can happen even when one is vaccinated. He said as this virus passes down several times, its virulence reduces and so the illness would be of the intensity of a common cold. "Presently there are many patients suffering from flu like syndrome where they are negative for covid, but have H1N1," he said.

He gave the example of a 72-year-old man, recently admitted to the hospital with repeat covid infection. He had mild to moderate illness and recovered in a week. He had got both doses of the vaccine.

Dr Gourishankar Reddy (consultant, Head of Medical and covid ICU) added, "No vaccination will guarantee 100 per cent immunity. So, people who do not follow social distancing and mask etiquettes are prone to get covid just like any other person. Other reasons could be ongoing mutations paving the way for newer variants. But none seem to be of much concern presently."

Dr. Satyanarayana Mysore (HOD and Consultant-Pulmonology, Manipal Hospital) said there are people testing positive for the second or third time. "It is understandable that given the low virulence, the infectivity is high and so there are a number of infections. "However, the mild manner of infection mostly represents there is a beneficial effect of the vaccinations. This also underlines that there is no substitute for mask, hygiene and covid appropriate behaviour," he said. Dr. SN Aravinda (Aster RV Hospital) added that people can get re-infected with covid in just 28 days after recovering from the virus. According to him, the viruses are constantly changing, including the virus that causes covid-19. "These changes can lead to the emergence of variants (new strains of the virus) that can increase the risk of re-infection. The risk for re-infection appears even higher now due the two immunity-dodging omicron sub variants, BA.4 and BA.5," he said.

> **"It's not uncommon for kids to get infected with covid repeatedly. But, these infections tend to be mild**

It is a season of fevers as OPDs are mostly full in hospitals. Dr. Bindumathi PL (Sr. Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital) said that since a few weeks, she has been seeing patients with fever. Fever used to persist for one to three days in most and oxygen intake was normal. "They were treated as viral infections. When patients do not do the covid test, we insist they isolate themselves if they have a cough," she said. According to her, re-infections can occur with the same strain or different strains. "It tends to occur when the immunity is low, or associated with comorbidities Diabetes, Vitamin D or B12 deficiency," she added.

Surprisingly, even kids are testing positive for covid multiple times. Dr Rakshay Shetty (Rainbow Children's Hospital) said, "It's not uncommon among kids to get infected with covid repeatedly. But, these infections tend to be mild and usually don't require hospitalisation."

CBI seeks more time to respond to DKS plea on FIR

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sought more time to file its objections to the petition by Karnataka Congress chief DK Shivakumar who has sought quashing of an FIR filed against him the disproportionate assets case.

Conceding to the request made by CBI counsel P Prasanna Kumar, Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav of the High Court of Karnataka adjourned the hearing to August 29.

The FIR against the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee President was filed on October 3, 2020. Shivakumar is the sole accused in the case which was filed as a follow-up of an Income Tax Department raid on his properties on August two, 2017.

Subsequently in August 2018, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) filed a case against Shivakumar based on the IT Department's inputs. **PTI**

Governor Gehlot honours 35 gallantry awardees

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Monday felicitated 35 gallantry awardees of Bangalore Military Station during a solemn ceremony at Raj Bhavan as part of the celebrations of the 75th Independence Day.

Besides the gallantry awardees, the Governor also felicitated nine civilians who had made contributions in accomplishment of projects undertaken under the aegis of Headquarter Karnataka and Kerala Sub Area for the betterment of serving and ex-servicemen at various locations within the Bengaluru Military Station, a release issued by the Raj Bhavan said.

"The Governor in his address to the distinguished guests, highlighted the indomitable courage, unassailable resolve, selfless sacrifice, and distinguished service of the armed forces to the nation," the statement read. **PTI**

Man vs RWA: 'Vehicles clamped at parking lot'

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An engineer has gone to the police against members of a residents welfare association of his apartment complex in Kundalahalli for clamping his cars and bikes for parking all of them in his allocated parking slot.

Anand Vedula is said to have bought the flat in 2017 for Rs 87.5 lakh inclusive of Rs 2.5 lakh for the car parking. The parking space is around 264 sq ft and he used to park his two cars and two bikes in that space. "No one was allocated twin car parking, but some residents are allowed to park their vehicles at their designated parking slots, but others are being harassed by the RWA members," Vedula alleged.

Vedula had earlier locked horns with the RWA before when they refused to allow him to have a charging point for his electric vehicles at his parking space though he was willing to pay for it and the BESCOM and BBMP had given him 'no objections'. At the time he filed a civil suit against the association for objecting to his EV charging connection. "I got an injunction to restore the EV's charging connection, and gave the letter to the maintenance team, but they argued with me that there was no existing connection so it couldn't be restored," Vedula stated.

Soon after the suit was filed, he said that the RWA members began harassing him by putting clamps to his vehicles and sending security guards to his houses demanding that he park only one car at his parking slot. "And If I would need extra parking space, I would have to rent it out from the apartment association's visitors' parking space and use it for parking," Vedula told BM.

Vedula claims the RWA members also deployed 24/7 security at his parking space and a guard sat alongside his vehicles. Vedula filed a contempt petition that was referred to a Lok Adalat. "For two months, the security guard was seated at the parking slot, until the Lok Adalat judge gave the RWA members a dressing down after which they removed him," he said.

On Sunday, the RWA members came up with rule and said that only the residents who had paid extra money to the builder for their parking space would be eligible to park more than one vehicles at their parking slots and others have to rent out parking spaces from the RWA and use them.

"There are no such laws mentioned anywhere either in the municipal laws or the bye-laws of the apartment that the association can decide how many vehicles could be parked at a purchased parking slot. They (RWA) cannot dictate laws to certain residents who had purchased the property for different rates due to market conditions and discriminate against them," Vedula said, adding that there was no mention of the RWAs being allowed to clamp or tow-away/take-away vehicles according to their whims.

Vedula raised this issue with social activists who have advised him to approach the police and file a complaint. He approached the Varthur police on Sunday, but they summoned both the parties to the station on Tuesday to discuss it further. He will also approach the joint commissioner (Traffic) and bring up the issue of RWAs playing traffic police.

Waste not & voila! Green mission accomplished

Varthur apartment complexes aided by start-up to convert wet waste into fuel, manure

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Apartment complexes in Varthur ward have been implementing a zero waste strategy by recycling wet waste and biodegradable material. The apartment complexes have set up anaerobic digestion plants that converts wet waste into fuel and enriched organic manure.

A Bengaluru start-up Bio Master helped the residents to accomplish their green mission. The start-up helps production at commercial level using biomass and other manure and gives integrated renewable source solutions.

The Varthur ward is said to be producing 15 tonnes of waste every day. With help of Bio Master, wet waste is collected every morning in apartments like Vaswani Reserve, Dhawaraka Jupiter, Parimala apartment, Krethana apprtment, Prestige sunny side, Kwashik apartment and SLS sunflower.

The waste collected from these apartment goes to the biogas plant located in Panathur. "The 15 tonnes of wet waste collected is converted into 1,500 kg gas per day. It also produces five tons of organic compost or fertilizer. The five tons of organic manure produced for a day can harness two acres of farming land. And 150 tons of manure per month can harness for 60 acres," said Kitty Raj, founder of Bio Master.

The organic manure generated is given to the farmers which helps in farming. The farmers thereafter, sell the fruits and vegetables to the local apartment complexes or in the market and generate revenue.

Around 15 tonnes of wet waste is collected from apartment complexes in Varthur daily

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> –Kitti Raj, founder, Bio Master

Over 5,400 tons of wet waste per annum will help in eliminating the land fills by converting into organic fertiliser and CNG for vehicles.

Raj said, "Waste dumping has become hazardous. It leads to soil , air and ground water pollution. By transforming the waste to organic fertilizer, it generates revenue for the farmers community."

Once the wet waste goes into a bio gas plant, bio fuel is also generated. "It has net zero carbon emission. The garbage trucks that go for pick up use smokeless domestic fuel which is available at a very affordable rate. With fuel prices going high, this can serve as a great relief to many and will also be environment friendly," he said.

A resident from Dhawaraka Jupiter apartment said, "Our wet waste is being converted to organic compost and not just going to the landfills. This in itself is an achievement. This method should be adopted by everybody. The apartment residents also have learnt to segregate waste and not to throw it on the streets."

Rain stops play on Church Street

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Incessant rains have dampened the spirits of the otherwise lively Church Street. Street vendors and buskers are the ones affected the most by the continuous downpour over the last week.

The street is usually crowded with stalls of food, books, clothes, and jewelry by the street vendors, be it on weekdays or weekends. However, because of the rain, the number of vendors on the street has visibly decreased in the past few days.

A street vendor who sells books in front of the Metro station at Church Street said that he had made almost no sale in two days. "As soon as it starts raining heavily, I have to pack all the books again so they do not get damaged. And then set up the stall again when it is clear. There aren't many people who are willing to stand and browse books on the roadside since it is raining or drizzling most of the time. Sometimes I have to set up the stall three times a day."

A few vendors try to set up shop after a brief reprieve from the rain at Church Street on Monday

However, vendors are hopeful that the sales will pick up soon as the rains become scarce.

Rajath V has a small stall of earrings and rings and usually gets a lot of customers throughout the day. "The number of customers has decreased but it is not very bad. We are sure the sales will pick up soon over the weekend when there is a bigger crowd. It has been difficult for a few days, we have to protect our things from the rain."

Many people set up temporary set up stalls at Church Street to showcase and sell their own artwork, to busk and play music, to live sketch portraits, and even to give tarot card readings. However, pedestrians say that the number has decreased to some extent for some days.

"The place does not look as busy as it always is. Today till late afternoon, even when the rain had stopped, there were only a few regular food and clothes stalls which is unusual. The street looked empty without all the stalls and people walking around," said Isha Kuppanda, a shopper.

SPORT

Shuttlers, paddlers dazzle on last day of CWG

Led by the iconic PV Sindhu, Indian shuttlers owned the badminton arena by winning all three titles on offer on the day while paddler Sharath Kamal yet again reminded everyone of his class and awe-inspiring longevity with a coruscating show, as the country wrapped up its CWG campaign with 61 medals to finish a creditable fourth.

It was expected that Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and the formidable pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy would end up on top of the podium but what provided the icing on the cake was the 40-year-old Sharat Kamal's gold medal-winning show against an equally good opponent in Liam Pitchford.

That performance took India's gold medal count to 22, which is four less than the 2018 edition, but this time the sport of shooting was missing from the roster. The shooters had contributed seven golds in Gold Coast's 66-medal haul, and considering that, India certainly put up a good show.

However, with the 0-7 hammering of the men's hockey team by Australia, when at least a spirited fight was anticipated, the Games ended on a somewhat disappointing note.

Lakshya Sen reacts after winning the Men's Singles Final Badminton match

The manner in which India caved in took away the joy of the silver medal it managed.

India's final tally read 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze and they stood behind third-placed Canada, which was far ahead with 92 medals (26-32-34). Australia (67-57-54) finished on top ahead of hosts England (57-66-53).

Coming back to TT, Sharath and G Sathian had lost to England's Pitchford and Paul Drinkhall in the men's doubles gold medal match, but on Monday, both the Indians had their revenge.

This was after Sathiyan beat Drinkhall 11-9 11-3 11-5 8-11 9-11 10-12 11-9 in an exciting but nerve-jangling bronze playoff. Sharath outsmarted the 29-year-old nimble-footed Briton 11-13 11-7 11-2 11-6 11-8 to claim his second CWG singles gold after 16 years.

The concluding day of the Games began with superstar Sindhu adding a CWG gold to her already bulging collection with a convincing straight game win over Canada's Michelle Li. The world number seven from India outplayed her 13th ranked opponent 21-15 , 21-13 in front of a packed crowd at the NEC arena. "I had been waiting for this gold for a long time and finally I have got it. I am super happy," said Sindhu after the final.

Later, 10th-ranked Sen came from behind to end Ng Tze Yong's giant-killing run in the competition. The 20-year-old defeated the world number 42 from Malaysia 19-21, 21-9, 21-16. -PTI

BEST OF ALL WORLDS

Writer, podcaster, mother — how to strike the right balance? We talk to Mohua Chinappa

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A conundrum stood in front of Mohua Chinappa some decades ago. The kind of conundrum that every working woman must have faced in her life — is the choice between career and family.

At the peak of her career, at the age of 33, she decided to quit her PR job and raise her family. "I had to quit because my job demanded a lot of travelling. My son had a lot of allergies so I quit and stayed home raising him. I had a wonderful time looking after him, but I didn't realise that in those years the world around me had completely changed," she said.

Today she has a book under her name which was recently launched at Bangalore International Centre. Nautanki Sala and other short stories is an anthology that shares real stories of women (and men) Mohua met over the last 4 decades from a tribal Khasi woman who ran a tea stall to a journalist from the Northeast trying to fit in the big city.

Losing and finding herself

Being a stay-at-home mother for a long time made her oblivious to the outside world. For Chinappa it was like being reborn into an estranged world. "I was left with this emptiness and I did not know what to do with myself. As women when we stay at home, we lose our sense of self-worth. Our sense of self-worth is always attached to the children that we rear, and the husband's success. Very few of us attach value to ourselves," she said recounting.

Her son before leaving for higher studies in 2017 made her a Facebook account. The storyteller in her had found a platform now. "I gingerly started writing small pieces mostly about gender stereotyping, society and my life in general. People loved it," she said.

Giving voice to the voiceless

That was when Chinappa started her own blog. The fire to tell stories made it impossible for her to restrict herself to just writing. She said, "I was very confused, there was always this critical voice in my head telling me to rethink. But I also knew that podcasting is going to be the next big thing. So yeah I went into this tiny studio in Murgaya playa, and with the help of some amazing people I started recording."

The social issues she saw around her bothered her to the core. She started writing about issues relating to gender, lgbtq+ community and anyone who was underrepresented in society.

"I had a bit of angst in me to show people that there is much more to people than meets the eye. I started doing interviews with people who have done something extraordinary. From a woman having a child after divorce, who had the guts to go against social norms and be a single parent, children of sex workers from Kamathipura to a transgender man who menstruates and nobody talks about it," she said.

Anything that society wants to hide under the rug, Chinappa will talk about it. "We live in this cocoon, we have no idea the kind of resilience people have and they don't really get a platform to talk about it. I just want to do that, give them a platform," she added.

The podcast called The Mohua Show has covered several with over 80 episodes. It is available to stream on all major platforms.

Chinappa talked about gender inequality in society. "When I look back at my life, after one point they said 'Oh now she needs to settle down so what is settling? Does being settled mean being married and having kids? Or having an education and a job? This whole concept of settling that the society has needs to be questioned," she said. She believes in equality in every form that we as a society still struggle to have.

"It is a reboot for me, I started at the age of 47 and I look forward to writing more and telling these stories," she said, mentioning her hopes to go higher in the career she has recently rediscovered.

MIRRORLIGHTS

This monsoon, beware of fungal infections

The showers might tempt you to get drenched in the rain like some Bollywood movie character, but look out as a fungal infection might be your way.

Doctors are seeing a rise in fungal infection cases in the city, with ringworm infection being the most common.

Dr Nagaraj DS, Dermatologist, Jindal Charitable Hospital, said, "During this monsoon, the most common infection that the people are facing is ringworm. There has been a 10 per cent increase in ringworm. Ringworm is a fungal infection that grows in wet and moist areas. To prevent getting ringworm, avoid getting drenched in rain and carry an extra set of dresses. Avoid wearing wet clothes for a long time."

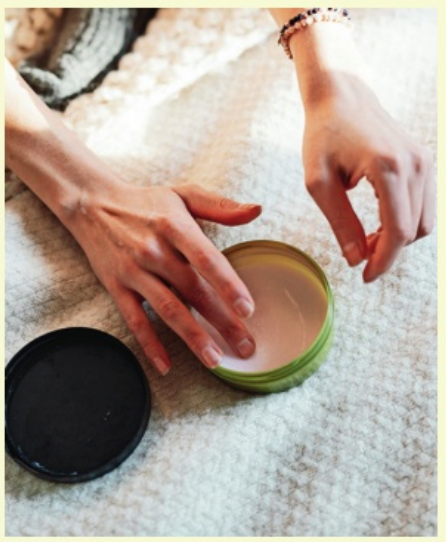
He added that it is extremely important for them to wash their hands with soap and water and dry themselves completely before changing into dry clothes.

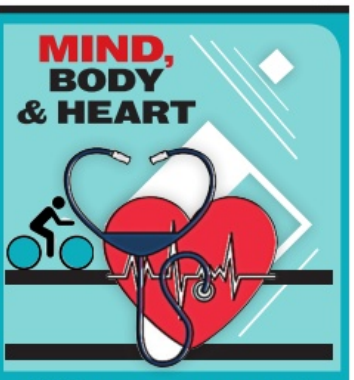
Dr MN Srinivasa Murthy, a Dermatologist, said, "Fungal infections in the groin and buttocks are the most common cases. Fungal infections in the skin folds are quite common and these infections spread easily among family members. In children besides fungal infection of the scalp also known as Tinea Capitis is common."

Doctors say that office goers are most vulnerable to such skin ailments as they have to wear the same clothes for long hours. It is important to maintain proper hygiene, take baths and use antifungal soaps.

Dr Maltesh M, a Dermatologist, said, "Office goers and college students are the most susceptible. They usually do not change their clothes often or bathe daily causing them these infections. It is important that they wear dry and ironed clothes and keep their environment dry and hygienic."

—Shreyashi Mukherje





All you need to know about...

Metabolic syndrome

What is it?
Metabolic syndrome is the medical term for a triad of symptoms: diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. We know this combination is always serious because it raises the odds of you getting coronary heart disease, suffering a stroke, and other conditions that affect the blood vessels.
Singly, diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity can damage your blood vessels, but having all three of them together is particularly dangerous.
Each condition is common and they frequently link up.

What are the symptoms?
Metabolic syndrome could be present if you have three or more of the following:
High blood pressure that's consistently 140/90mmHg or higher. Are very overweight or have a lot of fat around your waist ? High blood sugar levels, which signify insulin resistance. Blood tests reveal high triglyceride levels (fat in the blood) and low levels of

HDL (the "good" cholesterol) in your blood. This can lead to atherosclerosis where arteries become clogged with fats such as cholesterol.

Can it be prevented or reversed?
Making some lifestyle changes can have a profound effect on metabolic syndrome. Changes such as: Stopping smoking; Cutting down on alcohol; Losing weight; Exercising regularly; Eating a healthy, balanced diet to help keep your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels under control.

Can your GP help?
Your GP can support you to make changes and may prescribe medicine to help control blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels.

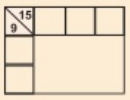
—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

If 1st Jan is Tuesday in a year then number of Sunday between 4th March to 20 September of the same year are

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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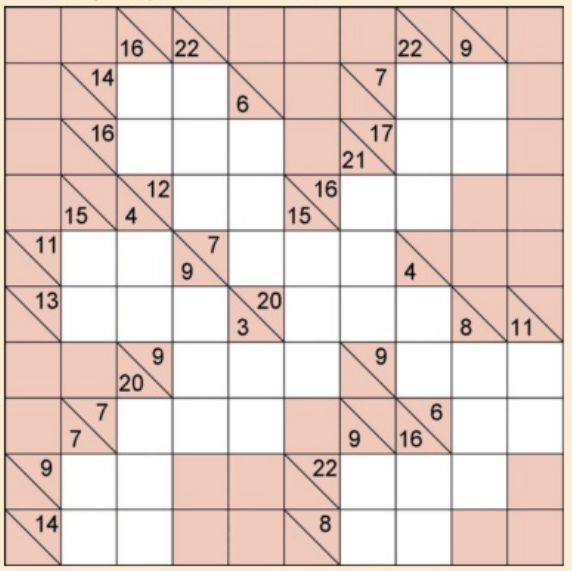

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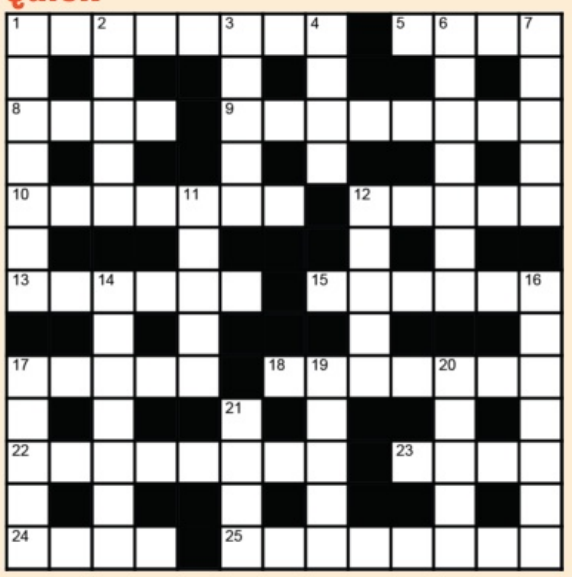


ACROSS

1 Chose or preferred (8)
5 Flows back (4)
8 Swanky car (4)
9 Force, stress, strain (8)
10 Guardianship, detention (7)
12 Card game (5)
13 Fat used in candles (6)
15 Criminal court proceedings (6)
17 Stratagems (5)
18 Brilliant (7)
22 New York City (3,5)
23 Spiritual teacher (4)
24 Look for (4)
25 Personal appeal (8)

DOWN

1 Canvass support (7)
2 Puts up with regardless (5)
3 Recorded (5)
4 Obligatory payments (4)
6 Movie theatre in Gandhi Nagar (7)
7 Bit of writing paper (5)
11 Double-reeds (5)
12 Connected for power (5)
14 A pasta dish (7)
16 Small orange (7)
17 A puzzle in picture form? (5)
19 Betel palm (5)
20 Borders on (5)
21 Heroic tale (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS O

GAGPUHQFU CGEJ JQ OMYI TLZQPOSETQL SWW FSU WQLC EISE EIGU WQJG EIGTP YQOOQL JGLJG.

Linemaro

My keypad tells me U and I belong together

Mindchow

If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up

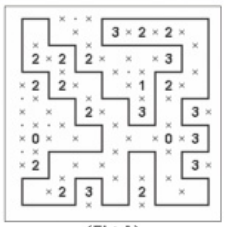
Joke of the day

CAR SICKNESS: The feeling you get when the car payment is due

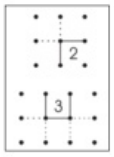
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



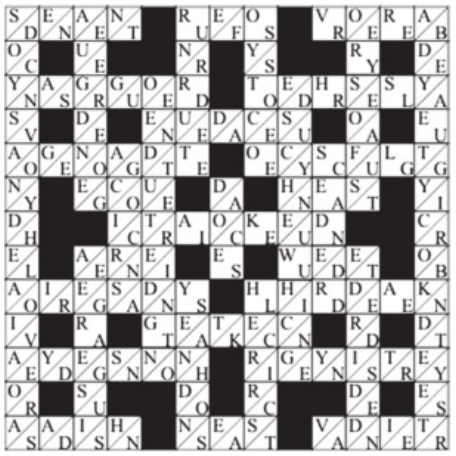
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

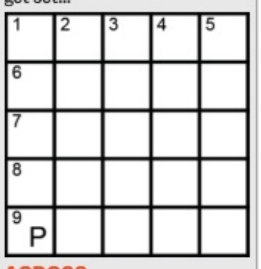
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Shade; 6 De Key; 7 Cig in; 8 Me inc; 9 Gaped

DOWN

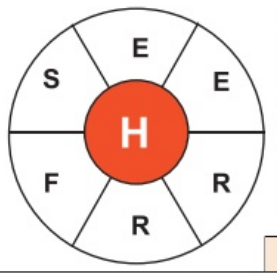
1 Skip M; 2 Ace I a; 3 Dingy; 4 En Che; 5 Ed deg

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is midway between the letter two letters below the letter immediately to the left of the letter G, and the letter three letters above the letter immediately to the right of the letter V?

A	B	C	D	E	
F	G	H	I	J	
K	L	M	N	O	
P	Q	R	S	T	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7						5	
8		1		2		9		6
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	6			4			1	
		8	2		1	6		
	9			5			8	
		6	1		9	3		
7		2		3		8		5
	4						6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

÷ × + −

Easy = 11

1 2 4 5

Medium = 25

3 4 4 9

Hard = 6

1 8 9 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

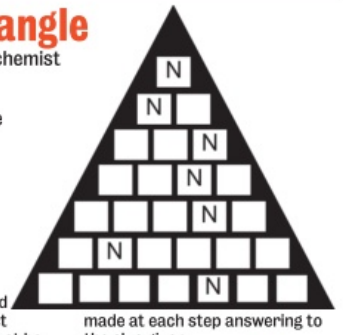
Differences: 1. Club is longer. 2. Tree trunk is thinner. 3. Vest neckline is different. 4. Cap is larger. 5. Cloud is lower. 6. Leaves are missing from tree.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: Aria, Concerto, Overture, Prelude, Serenade, Sonata, Symphony

Alpha triangle

1 Nitrogen for the chemist
2 Greek letter
3 Burger holder
4 Baseball sacrifice
5 Forthright
6 Open
7 Alkane with the formula C4H10



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

ISN'T IT AMAZING HOW MOTHER NATURE FIGURES EVERYTHING OUT?
LOOK AT LOCO...HIS MOUTH WOULDN'T REACH THE GRASS IF HIS LEGS WERE JUST AN INCH LONGER
I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER NEVER TO WEAR HIGH-HEELED HORSE-SHOES
5-26
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

IF THE GHOST WE SAW WAS REALLY A GHOST... DOES THAT MEAN THERE'S LIFE AFTER DEATH?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT THE UNKNOWN CAN BE KIND OF FUN!
MMM ... NO. I LIKE KNOWING THINGS.
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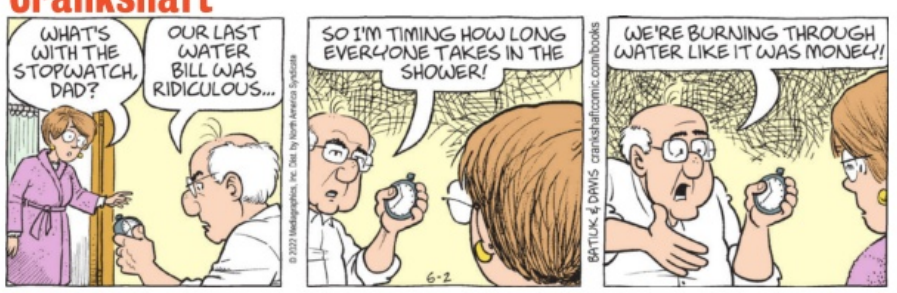
Crankshaft


WHAT'S WITH THE STOPWATCH, DAD?
OUR LAST WATER BILL WAS RIDICULOUS...
SO I'M TIMING HOW LONG EVERYONE TAKES IN THE SHOWER!
WE'RE BURNING THROUGH WATER LIKE IT WAS MONEY!
BATIUK & DAVIS
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6-2

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel weak and some major health issues may reoccur. You may not be able to enjoy domestic and professional life. Projects may stop unexpectedly, it may make you upset. You are advised to drive safely. An elder's blessing may help you to come out of a messy situation.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Positive vibrations will surround you today. Things will be more under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. Expect some long-distance travel also. There will be harmony in your domestic life.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day for investors as they may get gains in their investments. Money which was stuck will be recovered, it will increase liquidity in the business. You may become confident and gain control over hidden enemies and opponents. Singles are likely to find a match in the same profession as them or at the workplace.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may be able to take up new responsibilities which will lead to dissatisfaction. Your investments may yield some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing. Your parent's health may make you upset. You may plan to renovate your office, it is advised to postpone renovation for some days.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may plan to migrate from your current place to another place. It is advised to think twice before making such decisions. You may also plan to switch jobs. Some peace of mind is on your way. But your kid's health might make you upset. It is advised to avoid speculation in the investments. Think twice before making any decisions regarding marriage.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Having patience is the key to success. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which may speed up your project. Your subordinates will cooperate with you, it may help you to complete some work early. You are likely to go for some short work-related travels. An influential person may help you to boost your network.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with a family get-together and social events. Be humble and polite to gain their respect. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household stuff which may improve your social status. You are likely to hear some good news from one of your relatives.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You are blessed by the moon today. You will feel confident which will re- flect in your way of working. You may perform well in all areas of life. Your concentration levels may be very good today, and you may take some difficult decisions in your business.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Some old diseases may reappear which may make you upset. You are advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. You are advised to avoid any type of ligations. An overseas tour may be your way.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day for you. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may increase your management skills. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your business partner, you may invest some amount in the business. You are likely to spend some quality time with your spouse.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Excessive work pressure will make you mentally tired. You may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of the elder's blessings, job seekers may get a high-position job. Managers may get promoted to top management. You are going to do better at your job.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel some positive vibrations around you, which may show you the right path. With this new peace of mind, your performance on every front will be noticeable. You may plan to visit a religious place. Your inner sense of self will help you gain clarity. You will help someone in need today.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Number of Sundays(between 4th March to 20th September) in March–4 April–4 May–4 June–5 July–4 August–4 September–3 So, total number of Sundays
1s=4+4+5+4+4+3=28

BULL'S EYE
fresh, REFRESH, here, REFRESH, sheer

FAST FIVE

P	A	G	E	D
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STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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MENSA PUZZLE
L

RIDDLER
Aria, its a solo singer or instrument, others are more than one

QUOTE UNCODE
Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, Nu, Bun, Bunt, Blunt, Unbolt, Butanol.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 2 + 4 x 1 = 11
Medium
4 x 3 + 4 + 9 = 25
Hard
8 + 7 x 1 – 9 = 6

LOOP

KAKURO

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Creativity amplified

Digital world has increased opportunities for artistes: Sini

Karnataka's Sini Shetty won the title of Femina Miss India World 2022 this year. Apart from the many dreams that she got to realise after her big win, Sini also opens up about her wish, which is to face the camera and perform on screen. She does open up about her aspiration which is to see herself act in movies.

Ask her from where it all started and she shares, "Remember Sushmita Sen and her song Tumhe Jo Maine Dekha where she's in a saree and the pallu is flying everywhere? I used to enact it all. Right now I am on my way to building my own brand and busy with other duties after winning the title. Later on as and when acting opportunities come, I will certainly give it a thought."

Sini says that movies mean a lot to her. She elaborates saying, "I enjoy watching movies. I feel I resonate with them. Whenever I watch a film, I put myself in the situation that the hero or the villain is in. I also analyse the direction, the storyline etc. It's like I study a film while watching it."

A dancer herself, Sini is thankful to see the change digital world introduced to the showbiz set up. She says, "I come from the digital marketing background. I realise the importance of social media and OTT platforms. Back then newbies had to go through a lot to take that big step into showbiz, I have many actor friends and I know a few of them had to take a step back too. The digital amplification has let real artistes enter the creative industry. It is becoming a better place for all."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

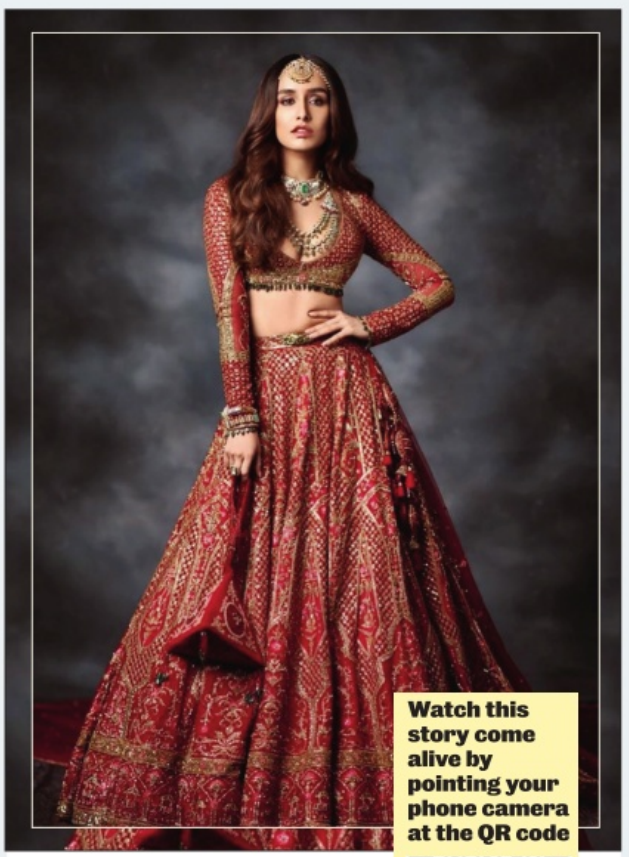
Lone Wolf to strike again

Following the release of 'The Gray Man' and announcement of its sequel, Dhanush teased his fans with a voice note mentioning that he will be a part of this blockbuster action film.

In an Instagram post, Dhanush in his Lone Wolf character shared, "Six, this is Lone Wolf, I hear we are both looking for the same man. I want to offer you some advice. Stop looking, you are wasting your time. Because if I find him first, there will be nothing left for you to look for and if you find him first, then I will find you. Nothing personal."

The Gray Man, directed by the renowned American director duo Russo Brothers, who are known for blessing the cinema with some of the best action thrillers in history, didn't miss their chance to entertain the fans with their latest release.

Earlier, the Russo Brothers expressed their love for India while interacting with the media and even heaped praises for Dhanush. They said, "He's amazing. He's one of the most amazing actors on the planet. We feel so lucky to have been able to work with him. We are just grateful."



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Lehenga language

Shraddha Kapoor sure has a wardrobe filled with lehengas we would love to steal or maybe borrow...

Ali, Richa to tie the knot, B-Town style

After waiting out the pandemic, it seems that lovebirds Ali Fazal and Richa Chadha are finally getting their grand Bollywood-style wedding.

Shortly after reports stated that the couple has decided to take the plunge this September, new reports claim this wedding will be nothing short of a starry affair. Ali and Richa are reportedly going all out to host around 400 guests for their wedding that will take place in Mumbai and Delhi.

The couple reportedly plans on tying the knot in an intimate wedding in Delhi in the last week of September with family and close friends by their side. If reports on IndiaToday are to be believed, then they will follow it up with another grand celebration in Mumbai that will have 350-400 guests attending the do.

Ali and Richa got engaged in 2019 and were set to wed in 2020. Reports stated that the duo originally considered April 21, 23 and 24 for the celebrations. However, the Covid-19 lockdown forced them to postpone their wedding to a later date.

Chadha had revealed in an interview that both she and Ali were organising their wedding and were set to send out the invites. However, keeping in mind the Covid restrictions

and watching out for the elderly members of their families, the couple decided to wait it out.

"Now, we will take a call only when normalcy returns," Richa was quoted saying in an interview.

The couple also moved into their new home last year. While the wedding plans were put on hold, the two decided to move forward with their plans to move in together. **—ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Smile please!

As his name suggests, Director Smile Seenu, can wear a grin on his face with true joy as his latest movie Oh My Love has unexpectedly completed 25 days of screening at one theater and more than 10 theaters across the state. The movie did not draw rave reviews when it was released on July 15 despite hard work by Seenu and the lead pair – Akshith Shashikumar and Keerthi Kalakeri.

Oh My Love is a debut vehicle for Akshith, the son of veteran actor Shashikumar.

So the success of Oh My Love has surprised many in Gandhinagar, the hub of Kannada film industry. "Nowadays, not many Kannada movies are screened for more than a week at theaters. The success of Oh My Love is quite encouraging and it has proved that hard work pays dividends. The movie has completed 25 days of screening and is set to hit the 50th day mark soon. I want to organise a function to celebrate 50 days of its screening," says Seenu.

Fun times roll on

Archana Kottige, who has so far acted in 17 Kannada movies, has realised her dream of playing a leading role with a comic shade. In the movie Ellra Kaaleliyaththe Kaala (Life is Full Circle), directed by Sujay Shastry, Archana played the role of a hotelier's daughter in a village.

The lady meets her main man when he comes to the hotel, the one and only one in the village, for food. "I troubled the hero a lot with my queries. I am happy to play this role as it has been my desire to be part of such a project. I was part of the shoot for more than 10 days. Each day was fun and I enjoyed every bit," says Archana, adding that a one-day workshop organised by the director was a great help.

Sujay Shastry said the story is about the problems of a man who is compelled to stay at a village for three days. "It is a retro movie based on an incident in the 1980s," said Sujay.

Chandan Shetty, Archana Kottige, Tara, Dattathreya, Mandya Ramesh, Manju Pavagada, Rajanikanth are other important stars in the cast.